

TERRIBLE VISITATION AT FRISCO

San Francisco Suffers Great Loss of Life and Damage From Earthquake

The Shock Seemed to Literally Sweep the Supports Out From Under the City

Fire Followed in its Wake, Water Mains Burst Dynamite Used to Destroy Handsome Buildings in Element's Path

Area Covers Fifty Blocks Right in the Heart of the Best Business Part of the City---Resident Portion is Not Touched.

THE LOSS OF LIFE IS TERRIBLE AND IS PLACED AT 2,000

San Francisco, April 18.—A second shock followed the first shock of the disastrous earthquake of this morning three hours later, and toppled over most of the buildings that were left standing from the first shock.

Fire Chief Sullivan and Patrolman Frenner were killed beneath the ruins.

Thieves are already at work ghoulishly.

Berkely, a fine suburb just across the bay suffered a severe shock. It is the residence district of a number of the wealthiest millionaires.

The whole city is a mass of fire and flames, and its total destruction seems inevitable, and nothing but Providence can save it.

The whole district on Market street, between Third and Tenth is in flames. Preparations are now being made to blow up a number of fine structures to try to stop the spread of the fire, and among these are the Palace Hotel, one of the finest in the world, and the office of the San Francisco Call.

The loss of life is now put at 2,000 but there is no telling where it will run when all accounts are in.

The disaster is growing worse instead of better, as the developments occur.

Seven hundred bodies have already been brought out of the ruins. The street car system is tied up, the entire machinery and power houses are ruined.

The loss to property is placed at thirty million dollars but may go way above this.

The shipping is being rushed to the bay to avoid the fire, and all efforts to save property are being made.

The excitement and confusion is intense, and the people are in a great measure panic stricken.

Not a building in the city has escaped damage, which shows the severity of the shock.

Explosion after explosion caused by the dynamite used in razing the buildings in the path of the fire in a feeble effort to placate the flames add to the horrors of a horrible scene already beyond description.

The night is waited with intense expectation, the water supply is gone, the electric supply power house wrecked, the gas company plant ruined, and robbery rampant.

The government has been appealed to and soldiers have been rushed from the Presidio to take charge of affairs, and the probabilities are that martial law will be declared.

Offers of assistance pour in from

the country at large, and the people are alive to the pressing needs for assistance.

THREE SHOCKS FELT.
There were three shocks of the earthquake, the first one being of two minutes' duration.

Valencia street sank 10 feet in places with great damage near the China Basin. It is thought scores perished in the ruins.

ENTIRE CITY DOOMED.
San Francisco, April 18.—The latest reports add to the horrors and damages of the situation.

The debris of the wrecks are all ignited and the city is doomed to destruction. The fire engines were wrecked in the wreck of the fire stations and the town is at flames' mercies.

The manufactories which withstood the shocks, fell easy victims to the flames.

The employees of the factories lived in cottages which were tossed about like cards, and the falling timbers crushed the occupants while they lay sleeping.

The dead is estimated above 2,000, most of the bodies recovered were taken from the tenement districts.

Over 300 bodies now lie in the Mechanics' pavilion.

The Call building is now a mass of flames and doomed.

The Hearst building is in great danger.

The fire is now working west from Sansome street toward corner Market and Montgomery.

Destruction of Palace hotel inevitable.

From the Examiner building on Third street, no building escaped the greedy flames.

THE LATEST.

In Mission street hundreds of dead were found in the ruins of cheap lodging houses. Every man able to work is being forced by police to aid the dying and rescue the injured plucked under debris.

Every minute reports received which raise the estimate dead. The reports are so enormous, officials shudder. Entire dome of the city hall collapsed at 9:30 with terrific crash, doing great damage to the walls and also cracked and damaged them irreparably.

The roof of the Majestic theatre fell in, ruining theatre.

Studebaker block mass of ruins. Damage in Mission district appalling

and widespread.

Four entire blocks on Market St. are now burning fiercely, spreading up and down street. Hunter house, First Methodist church, block south of Palace Hotel, is burning and will be a total loss. Ground below Kearny street sank about four feet. In Valencia street, ground sank nearly 10 feet in places. Similar conditions exists in Chinese sections.

Damage in Berkeley, Oakland and other places in the vicinity of San Francisco was very severe, but it is not thought many lives were lost on that side of the bay. The supply of dynamite is exhausted and the mayor telephoned Oakland for more explosives. If the flames cannot be stayed at once the entire city may be destroyed.

General Funston, commanding the department of the Pacific, has ordered out the entire forces at the Presidio, Fort Mason, to guard the property and preserve order. Howard street and Mission, above Third, is blazing furiously. Ryall, one of the finest steel structures in the city, burned. The very best section of the business district is now threatened.

Firemen are powerless. The whole territory, four blocks on Sansome, Front, Pine, Sacramento streets are gutted.

The Postal Telegraph building is deserted in fear of a collapse and all operators have gone to Oakland to resume work there.

The Sun expects later news than what is printed now that wires are in some order, and if other intelligence is received it will be bulletined at the office. All friends are invited to call and read whatever is received.

Reject the Proposition.

Charleston, W. Va., April 18.—In accordance with instruction received from headquarters of the United Mine Workers, representatives of the miners' scale committee last night rejected the proposition of the operators of Kanawha valley to pay three per cent. advance on the present scale instead of 5.55 as asked by the miners.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—The Associated Press is now in a position to confirm the report that Witte has definitely got the upper hand of Minister of Interior Durnova. The downfall of the latter is only a few days or weeks at most, as Emperor Nicholas has promised to dismiss him before the national parliament meets.

THE NEWS OF THE DISASTER HERE

The Sun Scores a Beat With
Its News at Noon.

The Office Eagerly Bestrenged With
Messages All Day From Inter-
ested Folk.

MANY PADUCAHANS OUT THERE.

The Sun posted the first information given the public of the great disaster at San Francisco. This was done on bulletin boards both in front of this office and also in front of the Citizens Savings bank and McPherson's. The information was read by many and soon the horrifying fact had well spread over the city. Soon the phones at the office were constantly ringing and inquiries for further facts came from all parts of the city and even from some outside points. At 12:30 The Sun further excelled by putting an extra upon the streets in which a rather full account of the horror was printed all the conditions, particularly the absence of telegraphic lines, being taken into consideration. This extra was grabbed up by the excited public like hot cakes by a gang of tramps, and many compliments were paid the paper because of this gratuitous stroke of enterprise. Though it was thought the people had well heard of the disaster the extra was the first intimation many had of its occurrence.

There are a great number of Paducah people in San Francisco, but as the damage seems to have been most in the business districts it is not thought any of them suffered an accident. Secretary Coons, of the Commercial club, Miss Mix, of the Commercial club, and Dr. Blythe have relatives out there. J. B. Alvey and family are residing there. Mr. B. H. Scott and family have just returned from a visit to California and were in Frisco a few days ago.

THE SAN FRANCISCO LOSS TOTAL.

Insurance Policies Don't Generally If
Ever Cover Such Disasters.

The total loss of the disaster in San Francisco is estimated at \$30,000,000. This will prove almost if not a total loss, as insurance is not paid on such disasters, or fire resultant, unless insurance policies so state. The Baltimore fire loss was \$40,000,000, but the people recovered on this loss largely through their insurance.

Illinois Prohibitionists Meet.

Springfield, Ill., April 18.—The prohibitionists of Illinois opened their state convention today with a thousand delegates present. The morning was devoted to county legislative conferences. A ticket will be nominated by secret ballot under the Australian system.

Declines the Appointment.

Washington, April 18.—Edmund J. James, president of the University of Illinois, has declined on account of ill health the appointment as delegate to the Pan-American conference at Rio Janeiro in July.

Racing Association Organized.

Frankfort, April 18.—The state racing commission was organized today with Jack Chinn as chairman and A. B. Rouse, of Covington, as secretary, at \$100 per month. Lexington was made the headquarters.

The Stricken City Suffers Another Terrible Shock Three Hours Later Today

The Whole City is a Mass of Flames and Seemingly Doomed to Complete Destruction Damage to Suburb Near Town

Not a Building in the City Escaped the Damage---Seven Hundred Bodies Have Been Recovered So Far---Rescuers Bravely Working.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$30,000,000

The First Report.

St. Louis April 18.—A terrific earthquake which seemed literally to sweep the supports from beneath city, cracking walls and sending weaker buildings toppling to the streets, burying their occupants and in burning debris rocked San Francisco at 5:13 o'clock this morning. Perhaps thousands of people are believed to be dead as a result of the earthquake. From the ruins of the fallen buildings rescuing parties are bringing out the dead and wounded.

The water supply was cut off and the city left without lights. Through the darkened streets the survivors groped their way over masses of debris answering the calls for aid as they could. The catastrophe came without warning and the survivors in the stricken districts, dazed with horror could do little effective rescue work. All wires went down with the first shock and the city was left without means to appeal for help.

The Post Dispatch received the following bulletin from the night chief of the Postal at San Francisco shortly after the earthquake: "We had terrible earthquake at 5:13. There is an immense amount of damage done in the city. Office about wrecked, our power is gone. None of us are hurt but they are carting the dead out of fallen buildings. Fire is over the town and no water. I am going to get out of the office as we have an earthquake shock every few minutes. All telegraphic communication with San Francisco ceased at 6 a. m."

Another Report.

San Francisco, April 18.—The worst earthquake in the history of the Pacific coast occurred this morning. Many buildings in the business district were wrecked. A fire followed the shock and as water mains were burst it is impossible to get water. The firemen are helpless. Many were killed and injured. An early estimate of the dead placed the number as high as 1,100. The wires are down in every direction and it is impossible to send any particulars at present. The fire broke out in the wholesale houses near the water front. In other localities the shock was felt as far south as Santa Barbara. There were three shocks, first and second light and the third very severe. Survivors who are not heroically caring for the injured are fleeing for their lives. The city is in a state of indescribable panic and confusion. Scores of dead bodies are

being taken from the buildings.

The California state building and the handsome Palace hotel have been blown up to try to stay the fire's sweep.

LATER—The loss of life is now placed at over 2,000.

Felt at Washington.

Washington, April 18.—The war department was in communication with San Francisco about two minutes this morning shortly after the earthquake. The San Francisco operator stated the destruction was great. He reported more than one thousand persons killed. The dead and injured are being taken out of the wrecked buildings. The water supply is cut off and there is danger of a general conflagration.

Washington, April 18.—The weather bureau reports a number of slight earthquakes about Washington this morning.

Report Via Ashford, Ariz.

Ashford, Ariz., April 18.—Reports of the earthquake shock San Francisco received here say the first rumble was heard at 5:10 o'clock. The buildings toppled and fell in every direction. The police patrol is carting off the bodies taken from the wrecked buildings.

LATER INFORMATION.

The Path of the 'Quake.

San Francisco, April 18.—The area covered by the earthquake is about 50 blocks in which almost all of the buildings are totally destroyed. The greatest damage is east on South Market street to the Bay. This area covers the Battery, Front, Drummond and Montgomery streets.

The buildings on the following streets are destroyed:

First, Fremont, Beal, Main, Spear, Stuart, East and South.

This section of the city is largely devoted to manufactories, and the loss will be tremendous.

The Hotels.

The Palace hotel which cost \$3,250,000, was blown up to try to stop the flames. This is one of the finest hotels in the world. The Lick house, is also wrecked, and the other hotels are badly damaged.

Fires Everywhere.

The fires are raging everywhere, and the city looks as if it is at the mercy of the flames. The area covered by the loss will, anyway consume the heart of the very best part

of the city.

The City Hall.
The city hall was one of the handsomest buildings in the west and cost six million dollars.

No Electric Power or Gas.
The city electric lighting plant went down in the wreck, and the gas mains are all broken. The city will be in darkness until relief is given some way.

No Water.
The damage to the water mains cripples the water supply for drinking purposes, and all uses as a fire fighter for it have been abandoned.

Telegraph Service.
The Postal, Western Union and Pacific States Telephone company plants are in the wreck and communication is crippled. The companies above, all sent out notices that messages are necessarily delayed.

The Sun's Obligation.
The Sun is indebted to the Paducah Commission company for a good deal of its news from San Francisco today, and acknowledges the debt. With its wires direct to New York, Chicago and St. Louis this company has excellent facilities for getting the wire news. This service, supplementing The Scripps-McRay telegraph service gave The Sun a good account of the disaster.

Felt Here.

There are citizens who contend that they felt the shock of the earthquake this morning which so wrecked San Francisco. They say the shock was very light and they think the one they felt was the hardest of the several mentioned in the dispatches.

The Wrath of God.

To the religious minds, the terrible news from San Francisco will have great significance. For months the reports of the evil conditions in the city have occupied the attention of the press and ministry, and it has been said there was more crime and corruption going on in the city than in any in the country.

A Double Tragedy.

Duluth, Minn., April 18.—A tragedy in which the result was the murder of two brothers by each other shocked Hibbin Sunday night near the Morris Mine location. Steve Buckovitch shot and killed his brother Marco after the latter had inflicted what is almost certain to be a mortal knife wound on him. Steve is in hospital but is not expected to